

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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ENERGY SUPPLY TO METRO CCPP
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has undertaken the study of LNH/Gas supply issue for the implementation of 650 MW Hyderabad Metro CCPP;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether State Government has made its apprehensions that Naphtha is unaffordable due to rising prices;
- (d) if so, whether the Government are considering for alternative fuel supply for the said project;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the steps taken or being taken by the Government to find alternative fuel other than Naphtha to the said project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

- (a) to (c) : National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has examined the possibility of LNG/gas supply issues for 650 MW Hyderabad Metro CCPP. The price of naphtha/LNG is linked to crude oil price. The recent hike in international crude oil price has caused a steep increase in naphtha/LNG prices. At the current naphtha/LNG price, the cost of generation is expected to be very high (over Rs.4.50 per unit) which will make the tariff unaffordable from such power plants.
- (d) to (f) : The domestic gas from Krishna-Godavari basin will be the most economic fuel for this project but the possibility of obtaining linkage from this source is very remote and uncertain. Some alternatives to gas from domestic resources like Coal Bed Methane (CBM) and gas hydrates were examined but were not found suitable presently.